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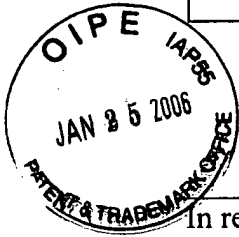
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APPARATUS AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005, for which a response was due on October 25, 2005, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from October 25, 2005, to January 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

### **SPECIFICATION**

☒ There are no amendments to the specification.

### **CLAIMS**

☐ There are no amendments to the claims.

☒ A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.